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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a novel salt of amlodipine, i.e., a nicotinic acid salt of amlodipine, a process for preparing the same, and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the same as an active ingredient.

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## AMLODIPINE NICOTINATE AND PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

### Technical Field

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The present invention relates to a novel salt of amlodipine, more specifically, to a nicotinic acid salt of amlodipine, a process for preparing the same, and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the same as an active ingredient.

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### Background Art

Amlodipine, with a chemical name of 3-ethyl 5-methyl 2-(2-aminoethoxymethyl)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydro-6-methylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate, is a potent and long-acting calcium channel blocker useful as an anti-ischaemic and anti-hypertensive agent.

Although amlodipine is effective as a free base form, in practice, it is administered in a form of a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt. Such a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of amlodipine must satisfy the following four pharmaceutical criteria: (1) solubility; (2) stability; (3) non-hygroscopicity; (4) processability for tablet formulation.

Generally, a certain level of aqueous solubility is necessary for bioavailability. Usually, a solubility greater than 1 mg/ml at pH 1 - 7.5 is recommended although a higher solubility is required to formulate injections. In addition, salts which provide solutions having a pH close to a blood pH (pH 7.4) are preferred because they are readily biocompatible and can easily be buffered to a required pH range without altering their solubility.

A stability in a solid state is considered for tablets and capsules, while a stability in a solution is considered for an aqueous injection.

In order to provide stable formulations, it is desirable to use a non-hygroscopic salt. In a solid state having a high drug content, films with absorbed moisture can act as a vector for hydrolysis and chemical breakdown.

The hygroscopic nature of a drug or its salt contributes to the generation of a free moisture which normally leads to unstable formulations.

As for processability, the compression properties and the ability not to stick or adhere to the tablet making machinery are to be considered. In high dose formulations, good compressibility is important to make elegant tablets. With lower dose tablets, the need for good compressibility may not be as vital due to the use of suitable diluting excipients called compression aids. Microcrystalline cellulose is a commonly used compression aid. However, regardless of the dose, the adhesion of a drug to the punches of a tablet machine is to be avoided. When drug accumulates on a surface of the punches, the tablet surface becomes pitted and therefore becomes undesirable.

Also, such adhesion of drug on a machine requires a high ejection force to remove the tablet from the machine. In practice, it is possible to reduce the adhesion by wet-massing, careful selection of excipients and the use of a great amount of anti-adherents, e.g. magnesium stearate. However, by selecting a salt with good anti-adhesion properties, these problems are minimized.

EP 89,167 and U.S. Pat. No. 4,572,909 disclose various different pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms of amlodipine. In particular, pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts are disclosed, formed from acids which form non-toxic acid addition salts containing pharmaceutically acceptable anions, such as the hydrochloride, hydrobromide, sulfate, phosphate or acid phosphate, acetate, maleate, fumarate, lactate, tartrate, citrate and gluconate salts. Further, among them, maleate salt is disclosed as a preferable salt.

EP 244,944 and U.S. Pat. No. 4,879,303 disclose that benzene sulphonate salt of amlodipine (amlodipine besylate) has a number of advantageous physicochemical properties over the maleate salt thereof, such as good solubility, good stability, non-hygroscopicity, and processability for tablet formulation.

However, amlodipine besylate has a low photostability. Further, the pH of amlodipine besylate at saturation is not sufficiently close to the pH of a blood (pH  $7.4 \pm 0.5$ ).

### Disclosure of the Invention

The present invention provides a novel amlodipine salt, i.e., amlodipine  
5 nicotinate, which has an improved photostability; a pH at saturation sufficiently  
close to the pH of a blood ( $\text{pH } 7.4 \pm 0.5$ ); good physicochemical properties such  
as solubility, stability, non-hygroscopicity, and processability; and an enhanced  
pharmacological activity.

Further, the present invention provides a process for preparing the  
10 nicotinic acid salt of amlodipine and a pharmaceutical composition comprising  
amlodipine nicotinate.

In one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a nicotinic acid  
salt of amlodipine (i.e., amlodipine nicotinate).

In another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a process  
15 for preparing amlodipine nicotinate, which comprises reacting amlodipine with  
nicotinic acid in an organic solvent.

In still another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a  
process for preparing amlodipine nicotinate anhydrate, which comprises drying  
a hydrous form of amlodipine nicotinate.

20 In still another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a  
pharmaceutical composition for anti-ischaemia or anti-hypertension comprising  
a therapeutically effective amount of amlodipine nicotinate and a  
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

### 25 Brief Description of the Drawings

The above features and advantages of the present invention will become  
more apparent by describing in detail illustrative, non-limiting embodiments  
thereof with reference to the attached drawings, in which:

- 30 FIG. 1 shows a <sup>1</sup>H-NMR chart of amlodipine nicotinate;  
FIG. 2 shows an X-ray diffraction chart of amlodipine nicotinate;  
FIG. 3 shows peak list data of the X-ray diffraction chart;

FIGs. 4A and 4B show H-NMR charts of amlodipine besylate before and after stability test, respectively;

FIGs. 5A and 5B show H-NMR charts of amlodipine nicotinate before and after stability test, respectively;

5 FIGs. 6A and 6B show H-NMR charts of amlodipine besylate before and after photostability test, respectively;

FIGs. 7A, 7B, and 7C show H-NMR charts of amlodipine besylate before hygroscopicity test, after hygroscopicity test, and after re-drying under a reduced pressure, respectively;

10 FIG. 8 is a graph illustrating the anti-hypertensive effects of amlodipine besylate on spontaneously hypertensive rats (Vehicle: O, Test Group 1 (1 mg/kg): ▲, Test Group 2 (3 mg/kg): ▼, and Test Group 3 (10 mg/kg): ■);

FIG. 9 is a graph illustrating the anti-hypertensive effects of amlodipine nicotinate on spontaneously hypertensive rats (Vehicle: O, Test Group 4 (1 mg/kg): ▲, Test Group 5 (3 mg/kg): ▼, and Test Group 6 (10 mg/kg): ■); and

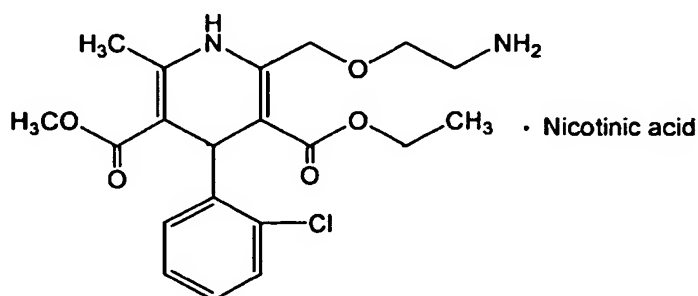
15 FIG. 10 shows dose-response curves for the maximal changes of systolic blood pressure of amlodipine besylate and amlodipine nicotinate in spontaneously hypertensive rats (Amlodipine besylate: O and Amlodipine nicotinate: ▲).

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#### Best mode for carrying out the Invention

The nicotinic acid salt of amlodipine according to the present invention has a following chemical structure:

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Amlodipine nicotinate of the present invention may be in an anhydrous form or a hydrous form. Preferably, amlodipine nicotinate is amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate ( $2H_2O$ ), more preferably amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate  
5 having an X-ray diffraction pattern of Figure 2.

Amlodipine nicotinate of the present invention has good physicochemical properties such as good solubility, good stability, non-hygroscopicity, and processability for tablet formulation, which is clear from various Examples to be described afterwards.

10 Further, amlodipine nicotinate of the present invention has a high photostability and a pH at saturation sufficiently close to that of human blood (pH 7.4), which allows it to be readily biocompatible and easily buffered to a required pH range without altering its solubility.

The present invention also includes, within its scope, a process for  
15 preparing amlodipine nicotinate. That is, the present invention provides a process for preparing amlodipine nicotinate, which comprises reacting amlodipine with nicotinic acid in an organic solvent.

In the process of the present invention, the organic solvent used includes any conventional solvent capable of dissolving both amlodipine and nicotinic acid, such as  $C_1 - C_5$  alkanol including methanol, ethanol, isopropanol etc.  
20 Further, the organic solvent used includes a conventional solvent containing water, e.g., 95% industrial methylated spirit, etc.

The process of the present invention may further comprise a re-crystallization step. Preferably, a mixed solvent of methanol and isopropanol or water and isopropanol is used. When a mixed solvent of  
25 methanol and isopropanol is used, methanol and isopropanol may be mixed in a ratio of about 1 : 9 to 2 : 8 by volume. When a mixed solvent of water and isopropanol is used, water and isopropanol may be mixed in a ratio of about 3 : 97 to 5 : 95 by volume. However, the mixing ratios of the solvents may vary  
30 according to a person skilled in the art.

Further, the present invention provides a process for preparing amlodipine nicotinate anhydrate, which comprises drying a hydrous form of

amlodipine nicotinate. The drying step may be performed under a reduced pressure and at 115 - 125 °C.

The present invention includes, within its scope, a pharmaceutical composition for anti-ischaemia or anti-hypertension comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the amlodipine nicotinate and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention may be administered orally or parenterally. The pharmaceutical composition for oral administration may be in various forms such as tablets, capsules, granules, and solutions, which may further contain conventional additives such as a diluent, disintegrant, lubricant and the like. The composition for parenteral administration (e.g., injection) may be an isotonic solution, and may be sterilized and/or may contain a conventional adjuvant such as a preservative, stabilizer and the like.

The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention may be administered for the treatment of ischaemia or hypertension in a dosage of about 2 – 50 mg/day for an average adult of about 70 kg weight, although the dosage may vary in accordance with the kind and severity of a disease to be treated. Thus, for a typical adult patient, individual tablets or capsules may contain about 1 to 10 mg of amlodipine nicotinate, in a suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Dosages for intravenous administration would be about 1 to 10 mg per single dose as necessary.

Although the present invention herein may be more detailed explained by reference to the following Examples. The following Examples are not intended to limit the scope of the present invention.

#### Example 1. Preparation of amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate

The solution of amlodipine (10.0 g, 24.45 mmole) in 95% industrial methylated spirit (40.0 ml) was added to the slurry of nicotinic acid (3.0 g, 24.37 mmole) in 95% industrial methylated spirit (10 ml). The solution was slowly heated and then refluxed for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to 5 °C

to form amlodipine nicotinate hydrate, which was then filtered and washed with industrial isopropanol (20.0 ml).

The resulting salt was heated and dissolved in the mixed solvent (40 ml) of 95% methanol and isopropanol (1 : 9 by volume). The resulting solution was slowly stirred at a room temperature and cooled to 5 °C to produce a precipitate, which was then filtered, washed with isopropanol (20.0 ml), and dried under a reduced pressure and at 80 °C for 5 hours to give 11.0-11.3 g of amlodipine nicotinate.

Yield : 79.3 – 81.4 %

Melting Point : 174-176 °C

H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.17(s, 1H), 8.60(d, 1H), 8.19(d, 1H), 7.91(s, 1H), 6.99-7.30(m, 5H), 5.31(s, 1H), 4.69(gq, 2H), 4.00(m, 2H), 3.76(bs, 2H), 3.55(s, 3H), 3.18(bs, 2H), 2.21(s, 3H), 1.15(t, 3H).

200 mg of amlodipine nicotinate obtained in the above process was dried at 120 °C and under a reduced pressure of lower than 5 mmHg for 5 hours and afterwards, the loss on dry (LOD) thereof was measured. As a result, the obtained amlodipine nicotinate in Example 1 was in the form of amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate.

The H-NMR chart of the product obtained in the above process is shown in Figure 1. Further, the X-ray diffraction of the product obtained in the above process, which was measured with Rigaku Rotaflex 12Kw XRD-2000, is shown in Figure 2 and the peak list data thereof are shown in Figure 3.

#### Example 2. Preparation of amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate

The procedure of Example 1 was repeated, except for using the mixed solvent (40 ml) of water and isopropanol (5 : 95 by volume) in place of the mixed solvent (40 ml) of 95% methanol and isopropanol (1 : 9 by volume), to obtain 11.2-11.4 g of amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate.



**Example 3. Preparation of amlodipine nicotinate anhydrate**

5           Amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate obtained in Example 1 was dried under a reduced pressure and at 115 – 125 °C for 5 hours to give amlodipine nicotinate anhydrate.

Melting Point : 176-177 °C

10           Calc.           C; 58.70       H; 5.68       N: 7.90  
              Found        C; 58.62       H; 5.65       N: 7.94

**Test Example 1. Solubility Measurement**

15           Water solubilities were measured for amlodipine besylate prepared in accordance with U.S. Pat. No. 4,879,303 and amlodipine nicotinate obtained in Example 1. By using 50 ml of distilled water and ultrasonic waves, maximal solubilized amounts were measured at a room temperature and pHs at saturation were measured using Fischer Scientific Accumet (PH meter 15).  
20           The results are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Salt	Solubility (mg/ml)	pH at saturation
Amlodipine besylate	4.6	6.6
Amlodipine nicotinate	6.8	7.2

25           The results in Table 1 indicate that amlodipine nicotinate exhibits higher solubility than amlodipine besylate. Further, the pH at saturation of amlodipine nicotinate is closer to that of a blood, compared with amlodipine besylate.

**Test Example 2. Stability Test**

### (1) Chemical Stability (stability test under stress condition)

In order to assess the chemical stability, amlodipine besylate and amlodipine nicotinate were blended in a powder vehicle and formed into tablets. The vehicle for tablets comprised microcrystalline cellulose and anhydrous dibasic calcium phosphate in 50:50. The tablets were then stored in sealed vials at 50 °C and at 60 % relative humidity for three weeks. Afterwards, the drug and any breakdown products thereof were extracted with a mixed solvent of methanol and chloroform (50 : 50) and separated on silica TLC plates using a developing solvent (CHCl<sub>3</sub> : MeOH : acetic acid :H<sub>2</sub>O = 40 : 10 : 5 : 2 by volume).

There was no breakdown product for amlodipine nicotinate. The R<sub>f</sub> values for breakdown products of amlodipine besylate were measured (the R<sub>f</sub> value for breakdown products of amlodipine besylate was 0.38) and peaks on the NMR thereof were observed, using 300MHz FT-NMR Spectrometer (JEOL JNM-LA300).

The results of the NMR measurement are shown in Figures 4 and 5. Figures 4A and 4B show H-NMR charts of amlodipine besylate before and after the stability test, respectively, and Figures 5A and 5B show H-NMR charts of amlodipine nicotinate before and after the stability test, respectively. The peaks on NMR of amlodipine besylate are as follows:

Before stability test:	a peak at 1.67 ppm (bs, -NH <sub>2</sub> )
After stability test:	no peak at 1.67ppm and a broad peak around 1.90 ppm and impurity peaks

### (2) Photostability

1.0 g of amlodipine besylate prepared in accordance with U.S. Pat. No. 4,879,303 and 1.0 g of amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate obtained in Example 1, which were placed in glass schales (100 X 20 mm), were exposed at 25-30 °C for 2 weeks under an incandescent lamp (220V, 100W) that was placed at 30

cm above the samples. As a result, amlodipine besylate was discolored to yellow, while there was no color change in amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate. Figures 6A and 6B show H-NMR charts of amlodipine besylate before and after the photostability test, respectively. The peaks on NMR of amlodipine besylate are as follows:

Before stability test:	a peak at 1.67 ppm (bs, -NH <sub>2</sub> )
After stability test:	no peak at 1.67ppm and broad peak at 2.15 ppm

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### Test Example 3. Hygroscopicity Test

1.0 g of amlodipine besylate prepared in accordance with U.S. Pat. No. 4,879,303 and 1.0 g of amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate obtained in Example 1 were exposed to 60% relative humidity at 50°C for 14 days. As a result, amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate remained intact and amlodipine besylate remained anhydrous.

Meanwhile, when H-NMRs of amlodipine besylate were measured before and after the test, the -NH<sub>2</sub> peak was shifted from around 1.67 ppm to around 2.25 ppm and the height of the peak decreased (Figures 7A and 7B). Further, when the resulting amlodipine besylate was dried under a reduced pressure at 120 °C for 5 hours and the H-NMR was re-measured, the -NH<sub>2</sub> peak was re-observed at around 1.67 ppm, the position before the hygroscopicity test (Figure 7C). Therefore, a stability problem of amlodipine besylate can be inferred aside from the hygroscopicity test result.

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### Test Example 4. Processability Test

Using a conventional tablet making machinery, fifty tablets containing calcium sulphate dihydrate, microcrystalline cellulose and amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate (47.5 : 47.5 : 5) were produced. The material adhering to the tablet punch was then extracted using methanol and the amount was measured

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spectrometrically. This procedure was then repeated for runs of 100, 150, 220, 250 and 300 tablets. After each run the amount of material adhering to the tablet punch was measured in the same process as above. The values were plotted and an average value was calculated from the slope of the line produced. The same procedure was then repeated for amlodipine besylate. The amount of amlodipine measured as adhering to the tablet punch is shown in Table 2 for amlodipine nicotinate dihydrate with relative to amlodipine besylate.

Table 2

Salt	Stickiness	
	Amlodipine( $\mu$ g)/cm <sup>2</sup> (tablet)	Relative to besylate
Nicotinate	0.44	36.7 %
Besylate	1.20	100.0 %

The results in Table 2 indicate amlodipine nicotinate has superior anti-adhesion properties to amlodipine besylate.

As clear from Test Examples 1 to 4 above, the nicotinic acid salt of amlodipine shows improved physicochemical properties such as solubility, stability, non-hygroscopicity and processability, which makes it suitable for the preparation of pharmaceutical formulations of amlodipine.

Test Example 5. Comparison of pharmacological effects induced by amlodipine besylate and amlodipine nicotinate

Cardiovascular effects, i.e., *in vivo* anti-hypertensive activities, were measured for amlodipine besylate prepared in accordance with U.S. Pat. No. 4,879,303 and amlodipine nicotinate prepared in Example 1, using spontaneously hypertensive rats (SHRs), by Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technology (Screening Center, #100, Jang-dong, Yuseong-gu, Daejeon).

### (1) Animal Used

Male SHR<sub>s</sub> (Charles River Co., Japan) aged 13-14 weeks were used. Before evaluation, the SHR<sub>s</sub> were accustomed in a clean breeding chamber under conditions of a temperature of  $22.5 \pm 1$  °C, a relative humidity of  $55 \pm 5$  % and a lighting time of 12 hour intervals.

The SHR<sub>s</sub> having a systolic blood pressure over 170 mmHg were divided into 7 groups, i.e., Test Groups 1 to 3 (for amlodipine besylate), Test Groups 4 to 6 (for amlodipine nicotinate) and a Control Group. Each Test Group and Control Group consisted of 6-8 SHR<sub>s</sub> (n=6-8).

### (2) Preparation and Administration

The test compounds were dissolved in distilled water to prepare test solutions immediately prior to administration. The test solutions of amlodipine besylate and amlodipine nicotinate were prepared by dissolving 1, 3, and 10 mg/kg in distilled water (0.5ml/100g rat), respectively, and then administered orally to each Test Group. The vehicle (distilled water) was administered to Control Group.

### (3) Measurement

The systolic blood pressure was measured with Multichannel 8000 (TSE Co., Germany), using a tail-cuff method. That is, the systolic blood pressures of a tail artery of each rat were measured before the administration of the test solutions and after 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 24 hours from the administration thereof. In order to facilitate the measurement of blood pressures, the test animals of each Group underwent warming at 37°C for about 10 minutes before the measurements.

### (4) Statistical Processing Method

The results of the foregoing test were expressed by a mean percentage and standard error (mean %  $\pm$  S.E.M.). Statistical analysis of the test results were conducted by an unpaired t-test and ANOVA (one-way analysis of

variance) with Sigma Stat program (Jandel Co., USA). The secondary evaluations were conducted by a Dunnett's multiple comparison test.

#### (5) Results

5 The test results are shown in Figures 8 to 10 and Tables 3 & 4. Both amlodipine besylate (Fig. 8 and Table 3) and amlodipine nicotinate (Fig. 9 and Table 3) dose-dependently reduced blood pressures. All Test Groups showed similar hypotensive (blood pressure falling) profiles. Substantial anti-hypertensive effects started to appear after 2 hours from the  
10 administrations and the maximal effects were displayed between 2 hours and 6 hours. The anti-hypertensive effects were maintained for over 10 hours. In Test Groups to which the doses of 10mg/kg were administered (Test Groups 3 and 6), substantial anti-hypertensive effects were maintained even after 24 hours from administration.

15 The maximal anti-hypertensive effects of each Test Group are shown in Table 3 and Fig. 10.

Table 3. Maximal anti-hypertensive effects of each Test Group

Dose	Besylate salt	Nicotinate salt	Intensity
1 mg/kg (Group 1 & 4)	-7.0 ± 1.66	-10.20 ± 2.71	1.46
3 mg/kg (Group 2 & 5)	-25.0 ± 1.98	-26.8 ± 3.22	1.07
10 mg/kg (Group 3 & 6)	-38.7 ± 2.18	-40.9 ± 2.08	1.06

20 In Table 3, the intensity is the percentage of the maximal effect of amlodipine nicotinate to the maximal effect of amlodipine besylate.

As shown in Table 3 and Fig. 10, substantial difference was shown in the Test Groups (Groups 1 & 4) to which the doses of 1mg/kg were administered ( $p < 0.05$  vs. amlodipine besylate). The amlodipine nicotinate showed  
25 anti-hypertensive activity about 1.46 times higher than amlodipine besylate at 1mg/kg dose.

The ED<sub>20</sub> values (the amount necessary for 20% decrease in the blood pressure) of amlodipine besylate and amlodipine nicotinate were  $2.48 \pm 0.46$  mg/kg and  $2.19 \pm 0.57$  mg/kg, respectively, as shown in Table 4.

5 Table 4. ED<sub>20</sub> values

	Concentration (mg/kg)	Intensity
Amlodipine besylate	$2.48 \pm 0.46$	1.00
Amlodipine nicotinate	$2.19 \pm 0.57$	1.13

In Table 4, the intensity is the reverse percentage of ED<sub>20</sub> value of amlodipine nicotinate to ED<sub>20</sub> value of amlodipine besylate.

As shown in Table 4, amlodipine nicotinate showed anti-hypertensive  
10 activity about 1.13 times higher than amlodipine besylate.

What is claimed is:

1. An amlodipine nicotinate.
- 5        2. The amlodipine nicotinate of claim 1, wherein the amlodipine nicotinate is in an anhydrous form.
3. The amlodipine nicotinate of claim 1, wherein the amlodipine nicotinate is in a hydrous form.
- 10       4. The amlodipine nicotinate of claim 3, wherein the amlodipine nicotinate is in a dihydrate form.
5. The amlodipine nicotinate of claim 4, wherein the amlodipine  
15       nicotinate has an X-ray diffraction pattern as shown in Figure 2.
6. A process for preparing amlodipine nicotinate, which comprises reacting amlodipine with nicotinic acid in an organic solvent.
- 20       7. The process of claim 6, further comprising a re-crystallization step using a mixed solvent of methanol and isopropanol or water and isopropanol.
8. A process for preparing amlodipine nicotinate anhydrate, which comprises drying a hydrous form of amlodipine nicotinate.
- 25       9. A pharmaceutical composition for anti-ischaemia or anti-hypertension comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the amlodipine nicotinate according to any one of claims 1 to 5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.



**AMENDED CLAIMS**

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1. An amlodipine nicotinate in a hydrous form.
- 5 2. The amlodipine nicotinate of claim 1, wherein the amlodipine nicotinate is in a dihydrate form.
3. The amlodipine nicotinate of claim 2, wherein the amlodipine nicotinate in a hydrous form has an X-ray diffraction pattern as shown in Figure  
10 2.
4. A process for preparing amlodipine nicotinate in a hydrous form, which comprises reacting amlodipine with nicotinic acid in an organic solvent.
- 15 5. The process of claim 4, further comprising a re-crystallization step using a mixed solvent of methanol and isopropanol or water and isopropanol.
6. A pharmaceutical composition for anti-ischaemia or anti-hypertension comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the  
20 amlodipine nicotinate according to any one of claims 1 to 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

**Statement under PCT Article 19(1)**

Amended Claims 1 through 6 of PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/KR03/00734 are supported by the specification and drawings of the original application as filed. Amended Claim 1 has been re-written to distinctively claim and particularly point out the present invention by incorporating therein the contents of original Claim 3. Further, original Claims 2, 3 and 8 have been cancelled. Correspondingly, the remaining original Claims 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 have been amended and renumbered as Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively.

FIG. 1

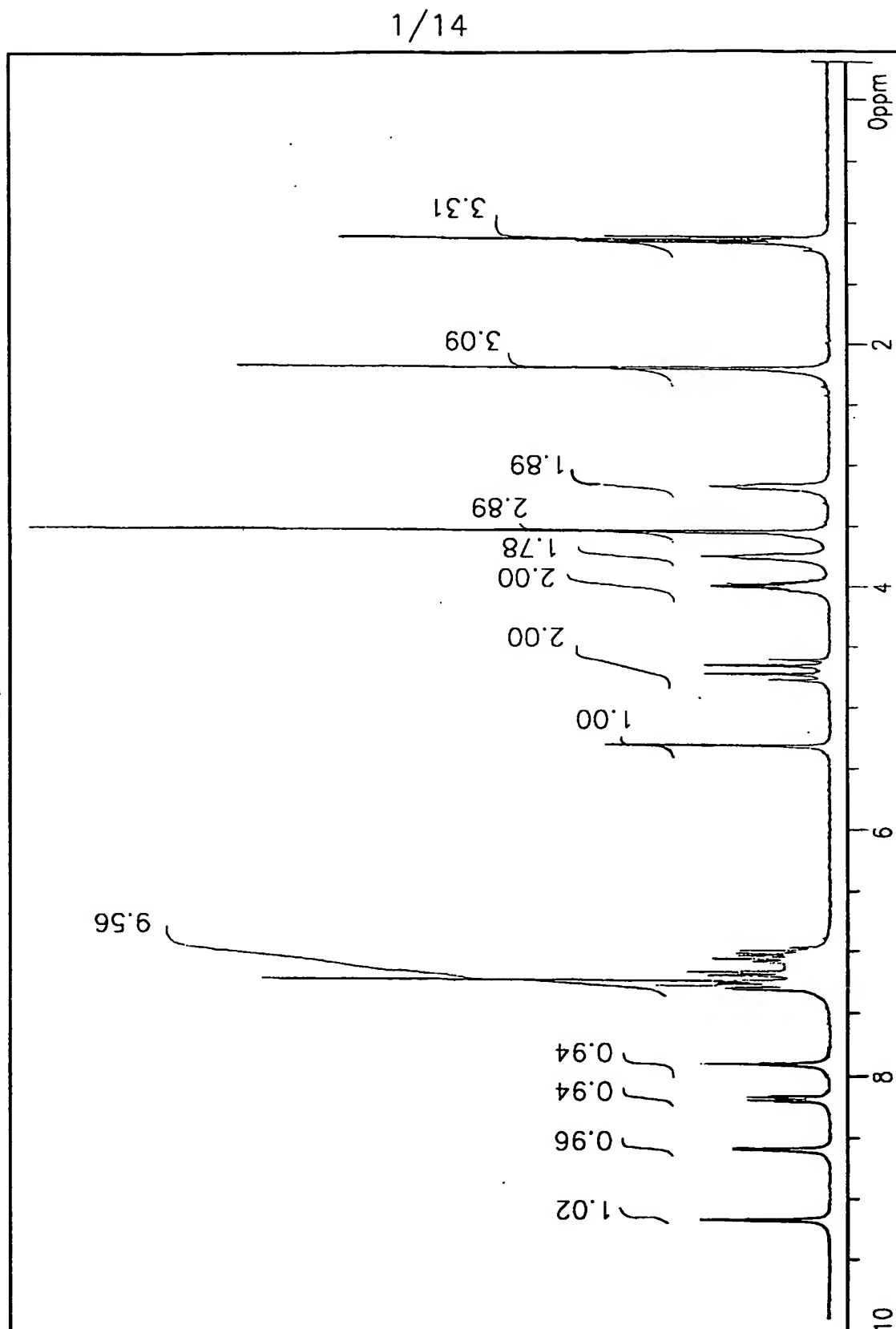
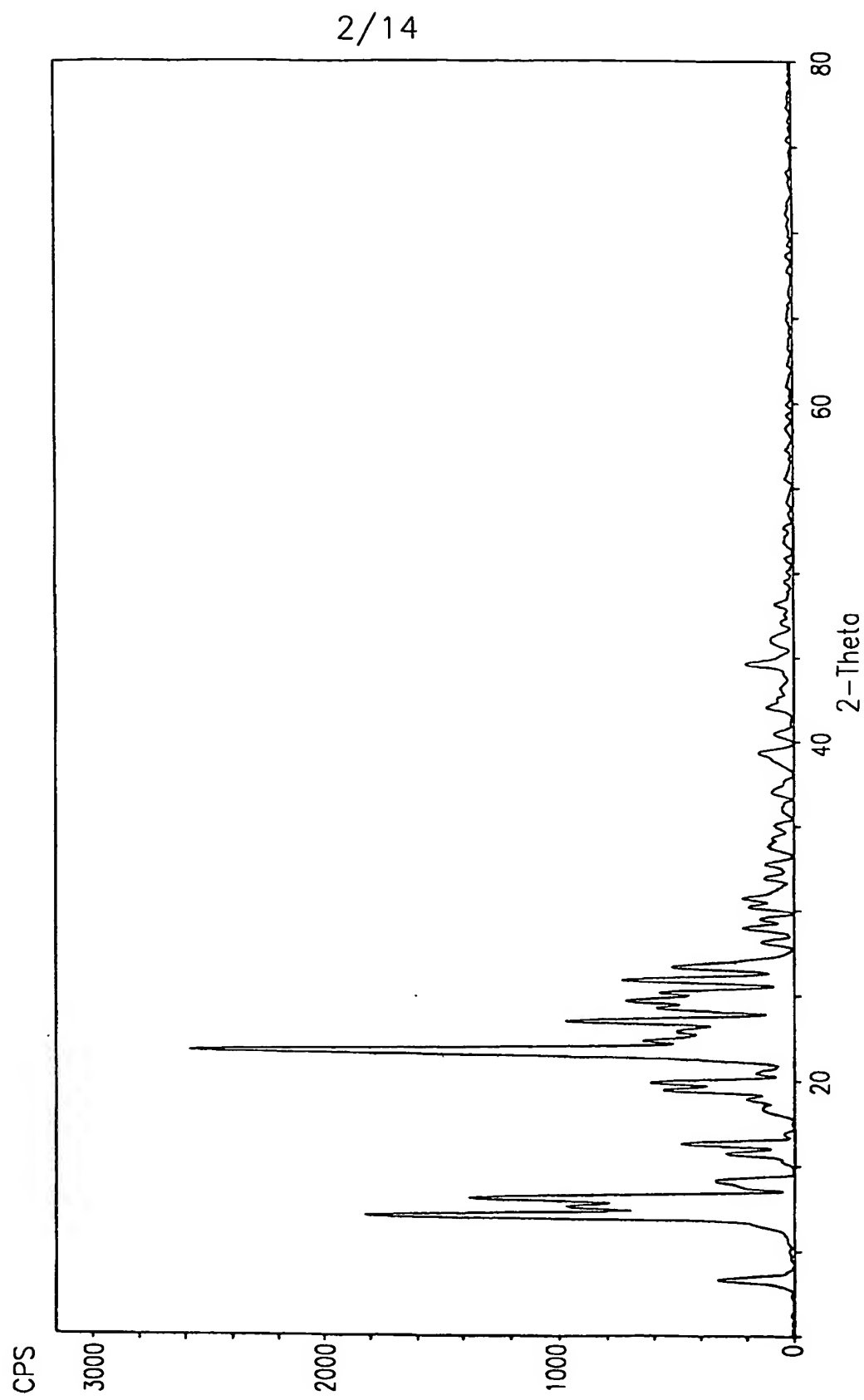


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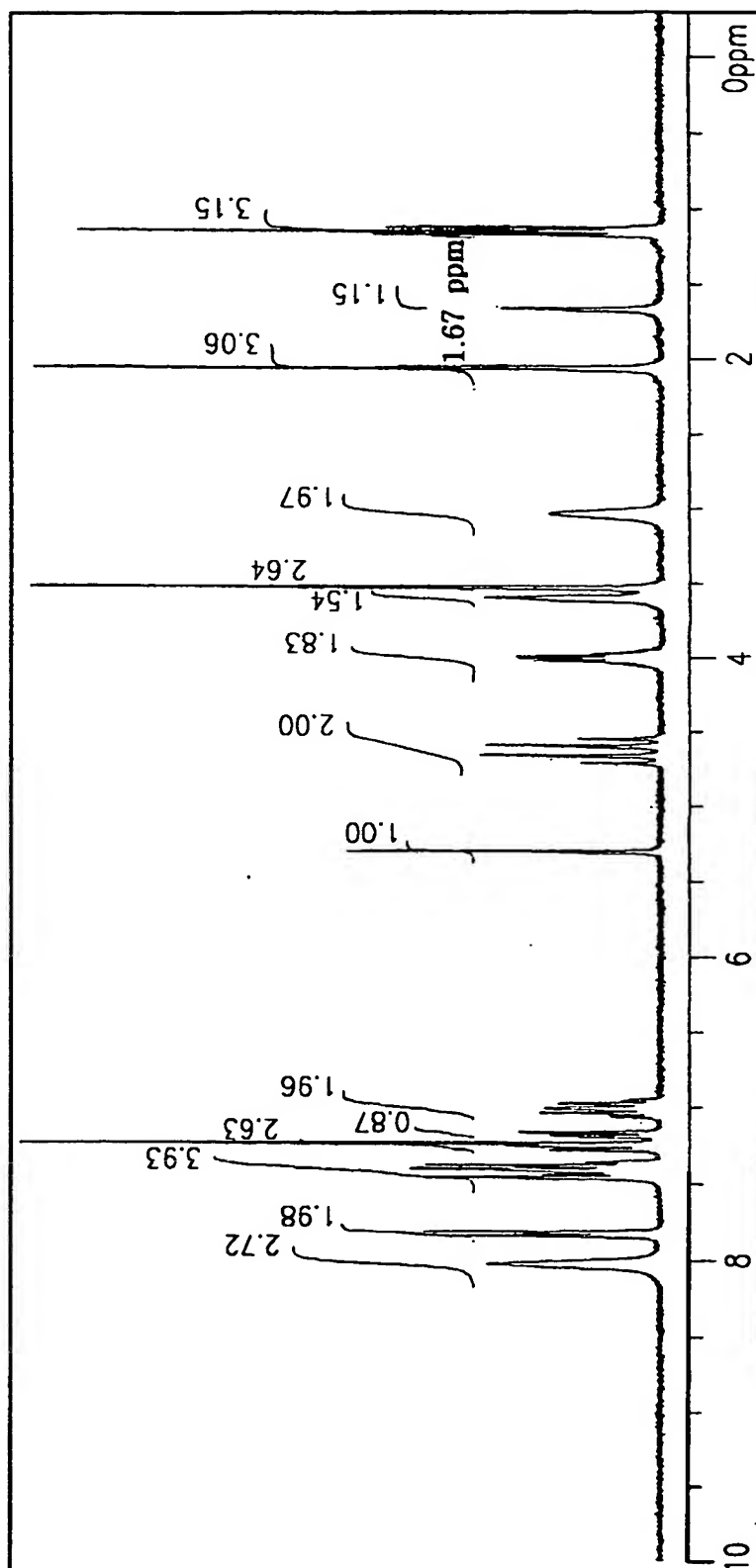
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FIG. 3

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1	8.020	11.0236	103.7	4	0.2212	46	28.040	3.1821	118.5	5	0.1883
2	8.280	10.6781	329.4	13	0.4202	47	28.140	3.1710	142.6	6	0.3693
3	11.420	7.7482	149.1	6	0.3723	48	28.980	3.0810	216.9	8	0.3904
4	11.540	7.6678	171.3	7	0.5384	49	29.500	3.0278	146.4	6	0.3924
5	12.080	7.3263	1826.6	71	0.4220	50	30.200	2.9592	194.3	8	0.3073
6	12.640	7.0029	971.0	38	1.5553	51	30.700	2.9122	219.1	8	0.6001
7	12.860	6.8836	845.4	33	1.0130	52	31.060	2.8792	100.1	4	0.7371
8	13.100	6.7580	1375.3	53	0.4318	53	31.900	2.8053	128.2	5	0.4113
9	13.700	6.4634	210.4	8	0.2483	54	32.800	2.7303	121.1	5	0.4594
10	13.860	6.3891	248.1	10	0.5373	55	33.800	2.6518	110.7	4	0.5294
11	14.120	6.2721	338.7	13	0.6919	56	33.920	2.6427	102.9	4	1.0084
12	15.720	5.6371	290.9	11	0.3824	57	39.060	2.3060	101.4	4	0.9201
13	16.300	5.4378	489.3	19	0.3561	58	39.360	2.2891	150.5	6	0.7821
14	18.240	4.8636	127.0	5	0.4472	59	42.040	2.1492	117.1	5	0.8144
15	18.400	4.8216	135.4	5	0.8718	60	44.620	2.0307	202.8	8	0.4812
16	18.680	4.7500	117.6	5	1.3577						
17	18.920	4.6903	201.6	8	0.6276						
18	19.320	4.5941	375.6	15	0.2003						
19	19.460	4.5613	562.8	22	0.3680						
20	19.660	4.5154	386.0	15	0.8734						
21	19.920	4.4570	618.6	24	0.3739						
22	20.440	4.3448	164.5	6	0.4436						
23	20.580	4.3156	142.9	6	0.5740						
24	21.000	4.2302	124.7	5	5.9745						
25	21.180	4.1946	346.7	13	0.2578						
26	21.500	4.1329	1287.7	50	0.2979						
27	21.760	4.0841	2582.8	100	0.4959						
28	21.980	4.0437	1408.0	55	0.2220						
29	22.360	3.9759	649.3	25	2.3863						
30	22.620	3.9308	428.2	17	2.3771						
31	22.940	3.8766	506.2	20	2.6725						
32	23.260	3.8240	414.0	16	1.1043						
33	23.520	3.7823	971.5	38	0.4188						
34	24.140	3.6866	475.8	18	0.2749						
35	24.300	3.6627	590.7	23	0.5330						
36	24.720	3.6014	721.6	28	1.2368						
37	24.960	3.5673	461.6	18	0.9027						
38	25.160	3.5394	579.7	22	0.4382						
39	25.920	3.4373	737.3	29	0.4013						
40	26.040	3.4217	569.2	22	0.2123						
41	26.300	3.3885	108.6	4	2.1345						
42	26.680	3.3411	528.1	20	0.4274						
43	26.800	3.3264	461.3	18	0.4496						
44	27.000	3.3022	240.5	9	0.4106						
45	27.160	3.2831	144.2	6	0.2827						

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FIG. 4A



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FIG. 4B

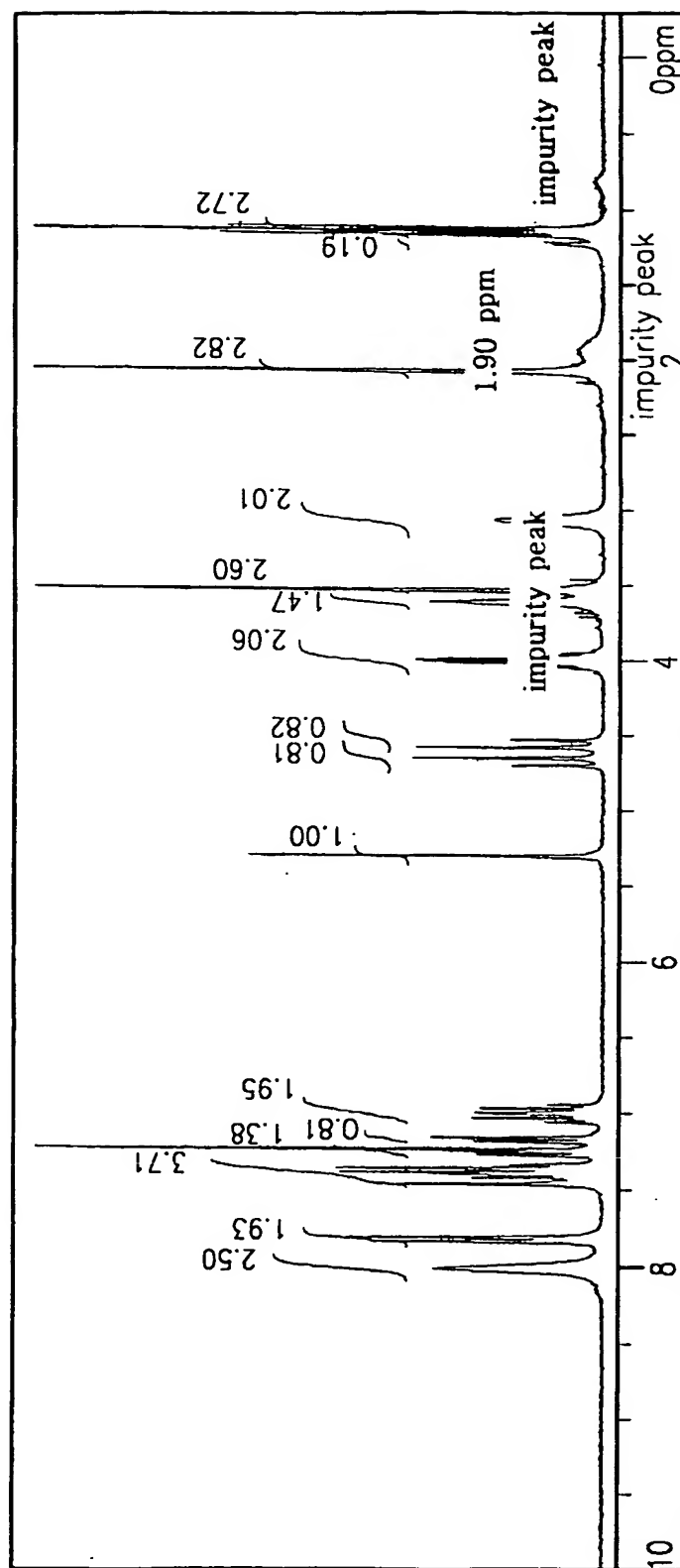


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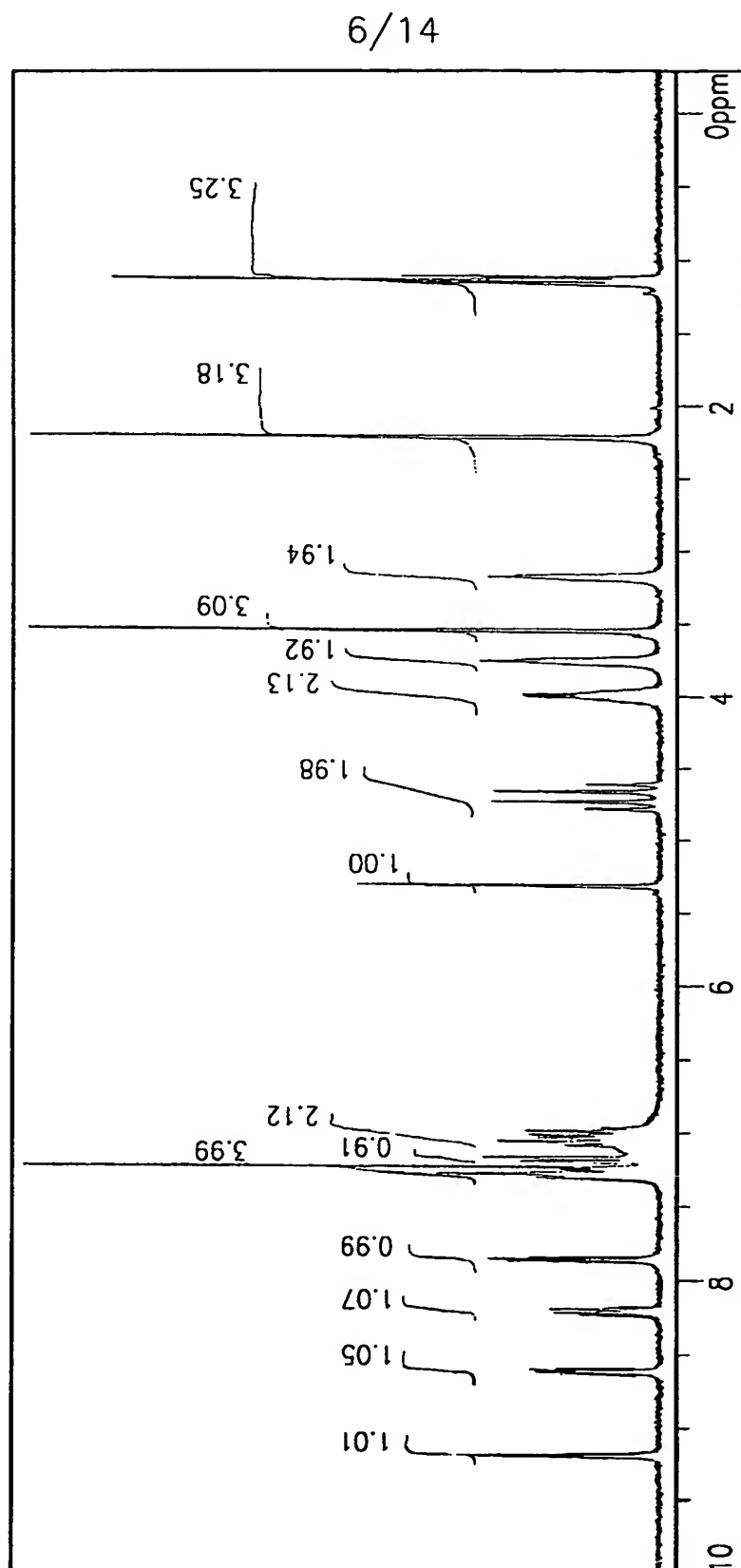
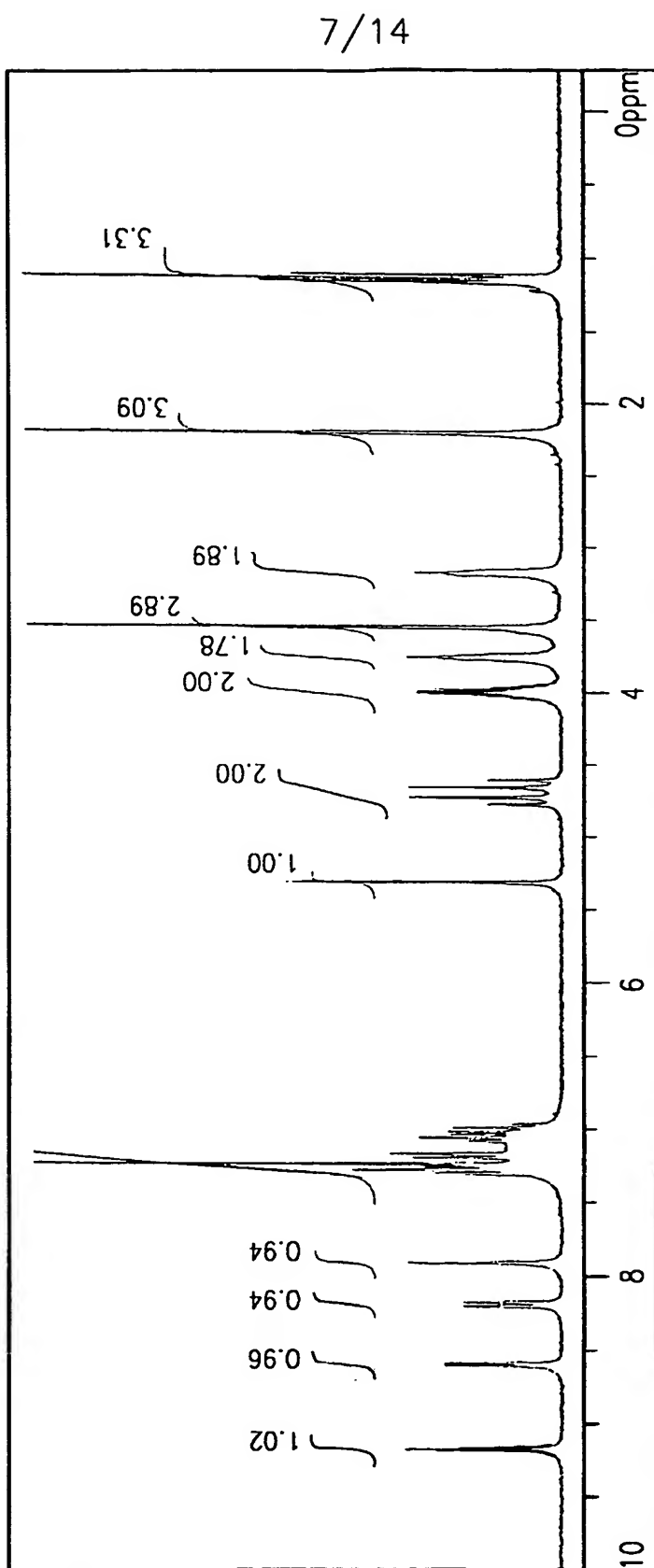




FIG. 5B



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FIG. 6A

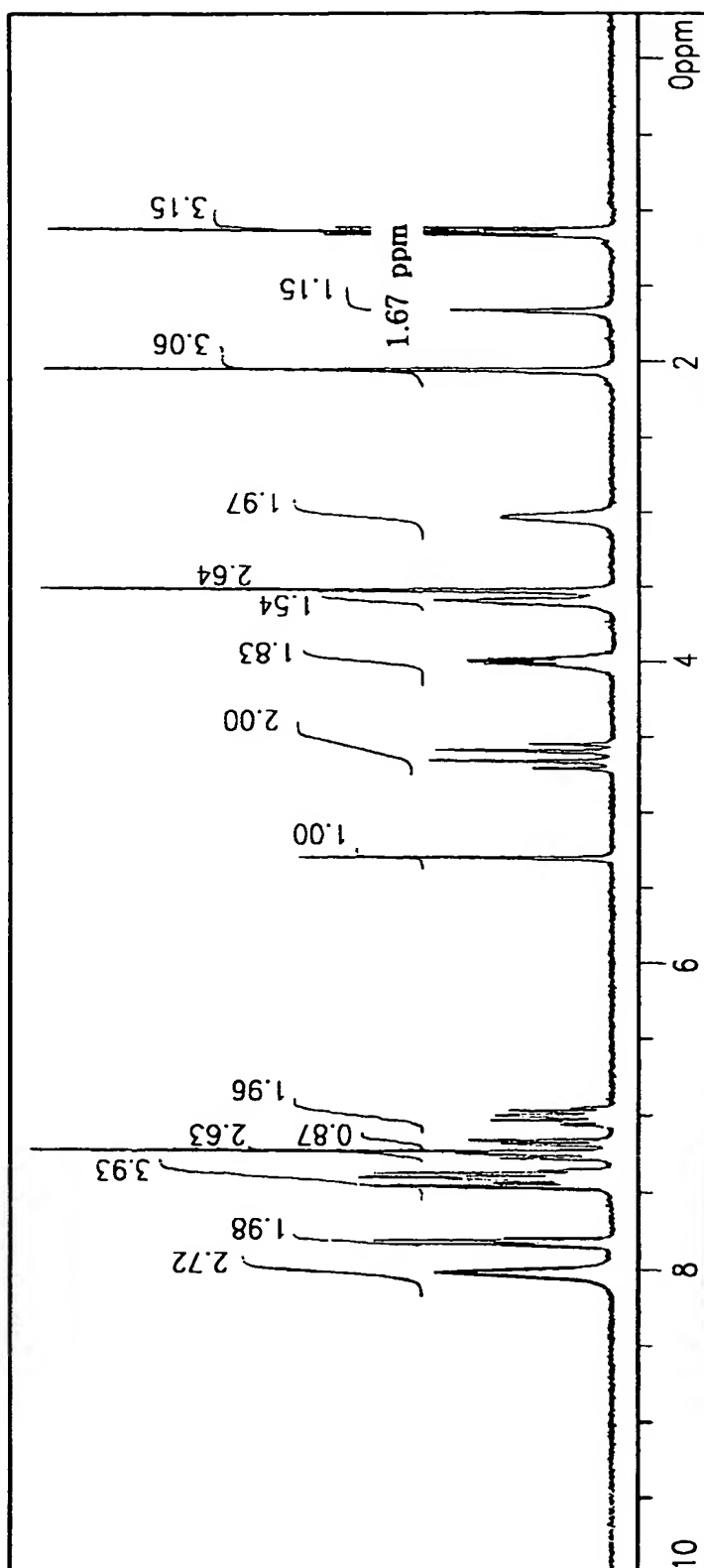


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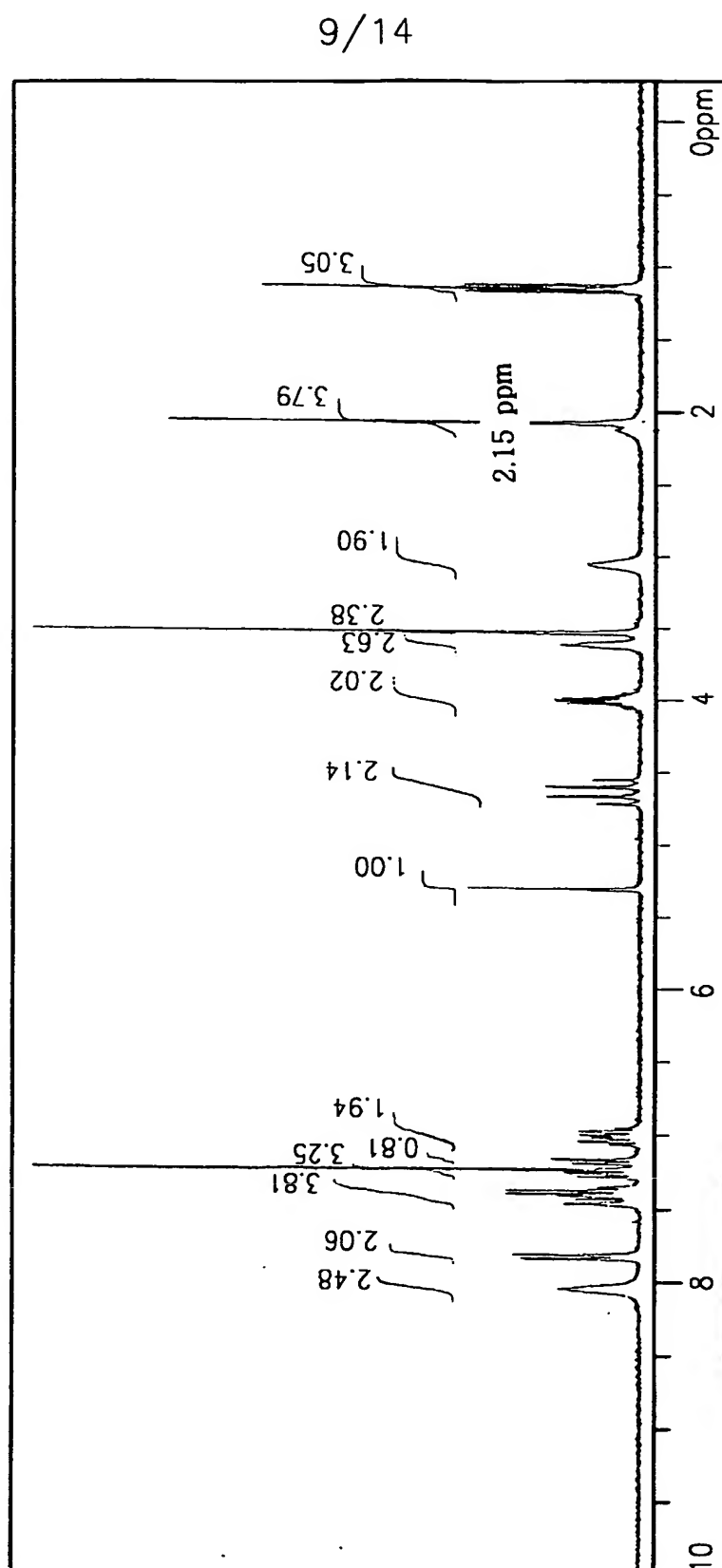
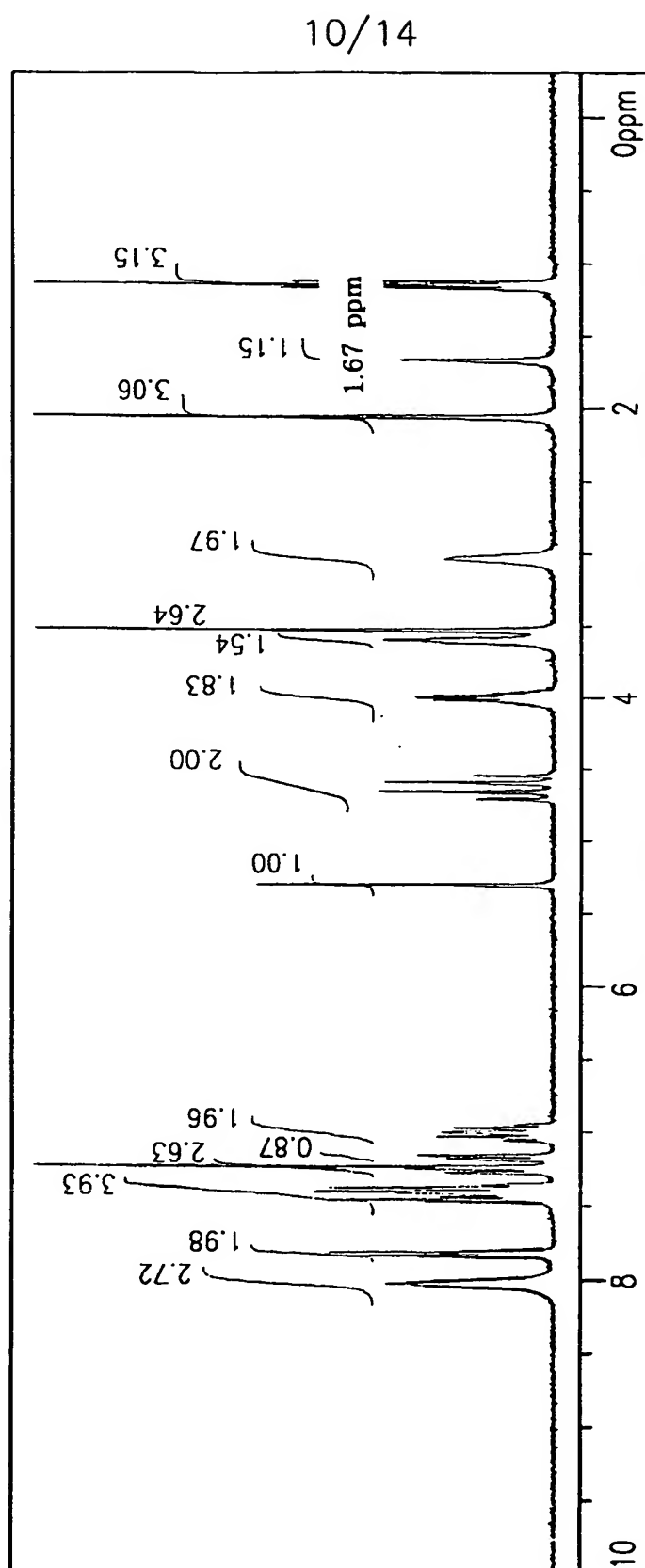


FIG. 7A



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FIG. 7B

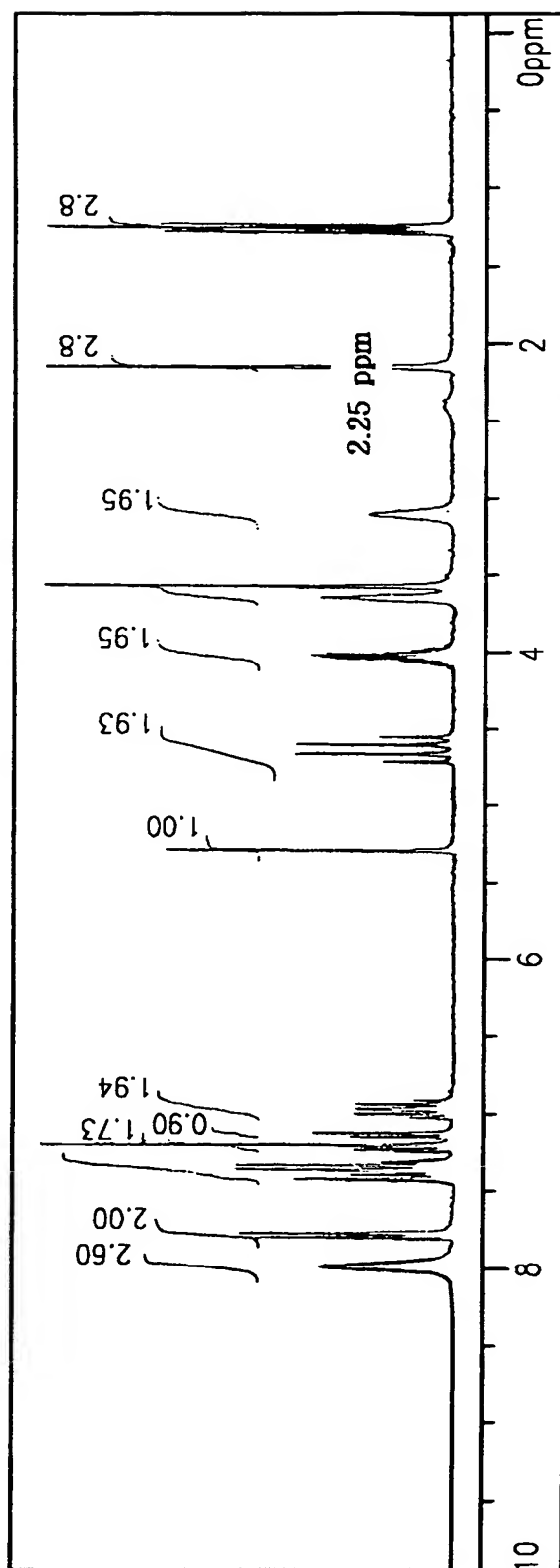
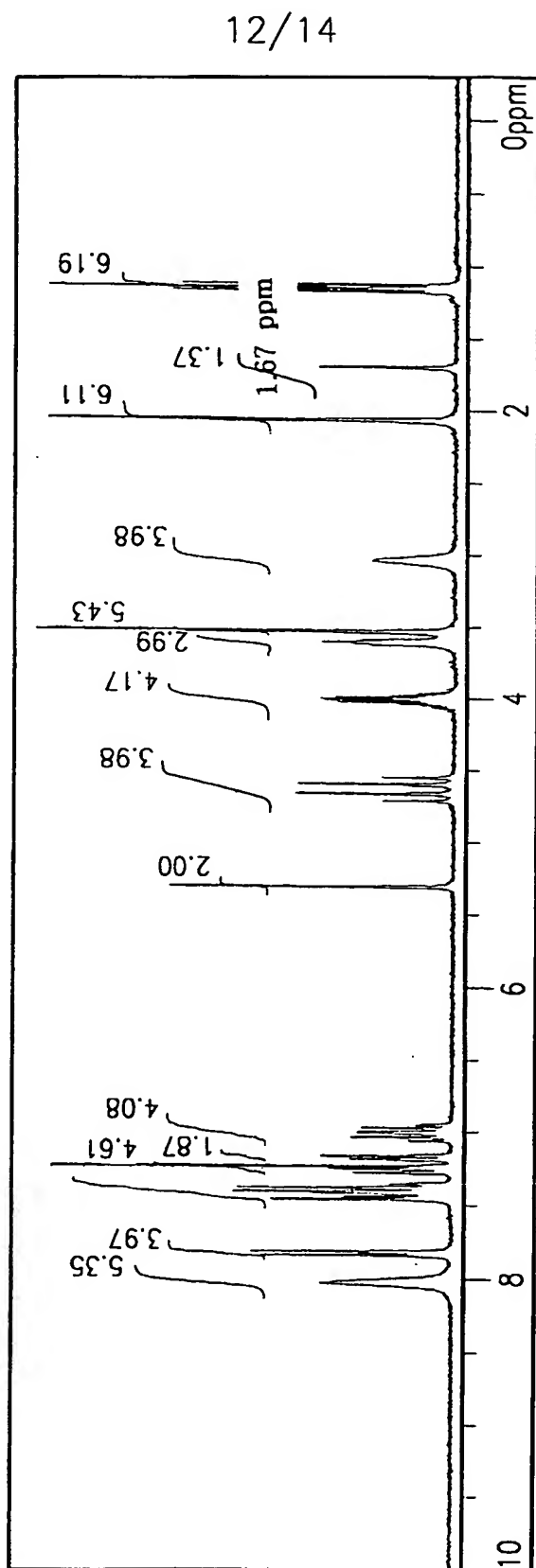


FIG. 7C



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FIG. 8

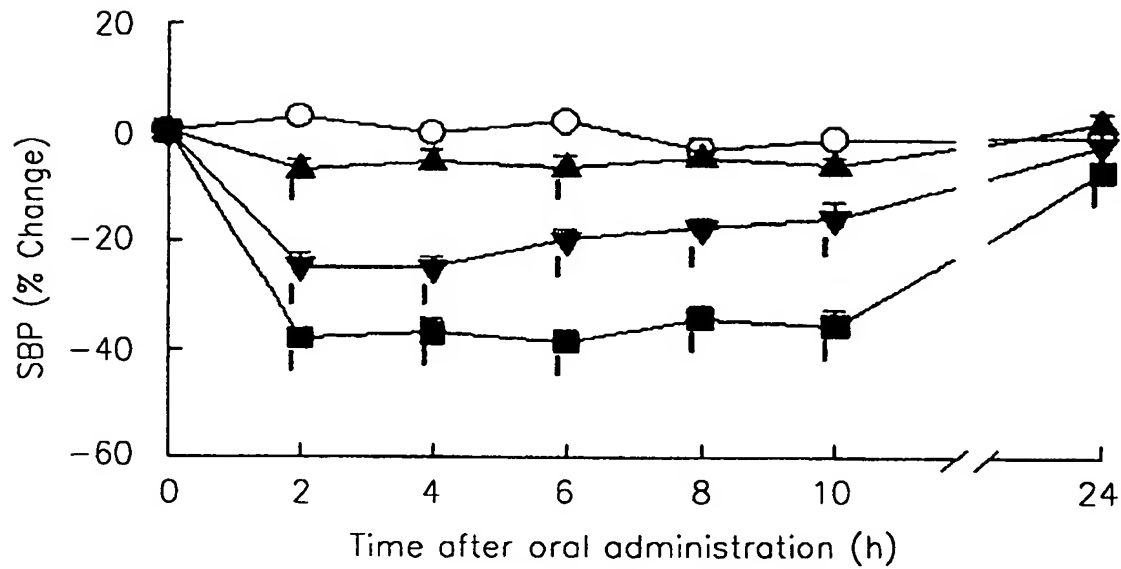
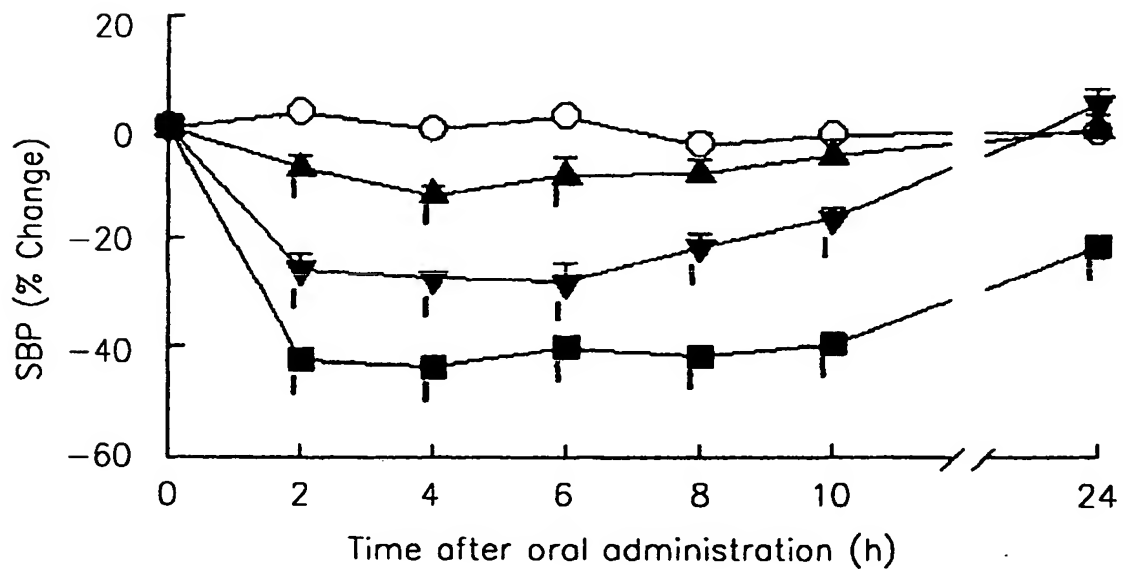
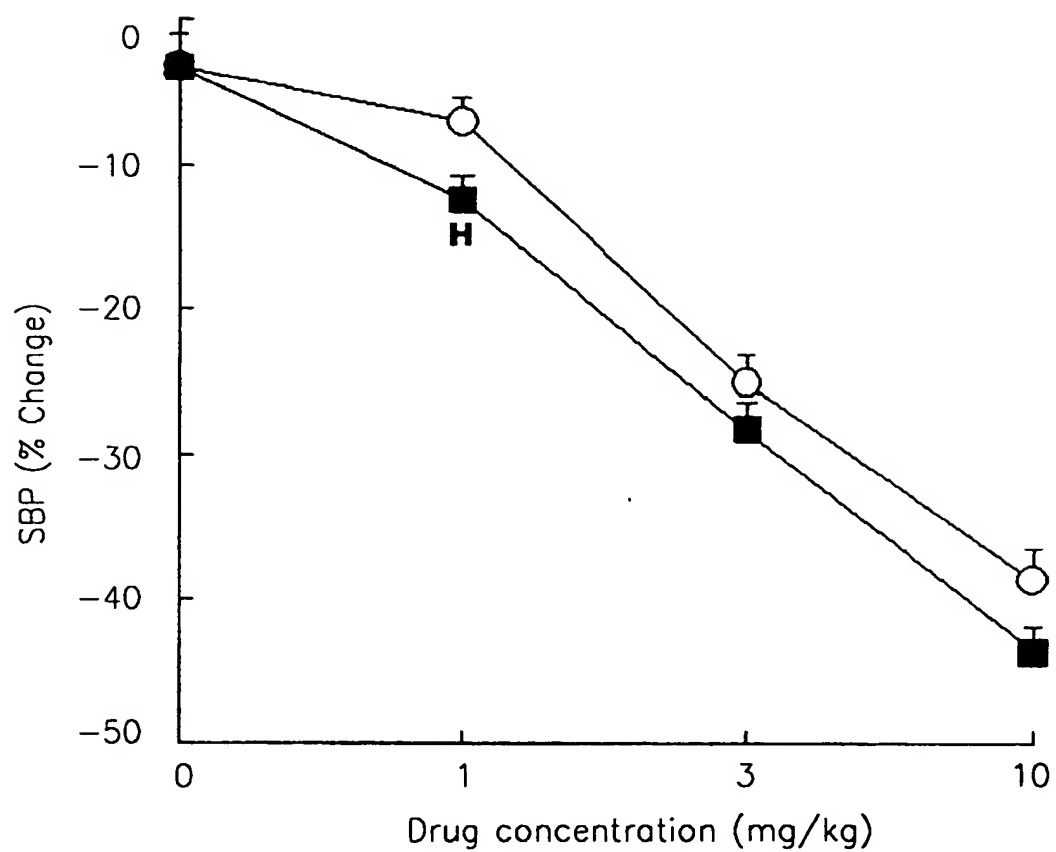


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FIG. 10





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